Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Have other banks applied to the Government requesting them to deposit moneys with them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are only a few banks who have applied.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were such applications considered by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These applications cannot be considered except on one single merit. They cannot be considered as other applications are.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to consider whether in the case of local banks having foreign dealings, provided their stability is beyond question, they can give encouragement to these banks?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We can only say that we will note that suggestion.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is it one of the terms that no commission will be charged?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That point was answered.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether it is because the Government send a lot of money to the National Bank for safe custody without interest that they extend this concession?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it a fact that Government send money for safe custody to the National Bank?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government compared the rate of exchange in the National Bank with the rate of exchange prevalent in other banks?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I want notice. I have not compared it.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is it not for the exchange bankers to charge a commission?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We said we do not know the details— for which class of people they charge commission and for which class of people they do not charge commission. We have not enquired further and there has been no necessity.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Have the Government purchased sterling and foreign drafts?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Perhaps the rates include charges for commission also.

Defalcation of Government money.

228. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to State:—

(a) the number and extent of defalcation or misappropriation of Government money during 1107, 1108 and 1109;

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(b) the officer or officers who were concerned in or responsible for the defalcation or misappropriation ;

(c) how the persons in (b) were dealt with by the Government.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a), (b) and (c). There were no defalcations during the years other than those referred to in the answer to Question No. 122 in the last Makaram Session, viz:—

	Name of the department	The name of those concerned	Amount involved Rs. A. P.	Action taken by Government
1	Anchal	Anchal-master, Mannuti	1—13— 6	Amount made good by the Anchal Master
2	Maharaja's College, Ernakulam	The clerical staff of the College	Not known	The matter is under enquiry

Mr. P Kumaran Ezhuthassan—May I know whether the list given here is exhaustive of the misappropriations in the various departments in 1107, 1108 and 1109?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—These are the only two items.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—As regards the misappropriation in the Maharaja's College why is the amount missing not known ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is not ascertained.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Have you seen from the books how much is missing ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar—It will involve amounts not ascertained.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Have you no approximate idea of the amount missing ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In some cases, the ledger shows that the amounts have been paid on separate receipts. The receipts are not available and the explanation of some of the clerks is that these receipts were with them and that they had lost them. So, in some cases these receipts were traced out and they have to be deducted out of the total amount of defalcation. That process is going on and so, we cannot give the exact amount.

Dr. A. R. Menon—When did it come to the notice of the Government first ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is less than a year ago.

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Mr. K. G. Nayar.—In respect of item No. 1 was any disciplinary action taken by Government against the individual concerned?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The information is not available. I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the misappropriation of Government money mentioned in answer to Question No. 156 of this session, that is Mr. P. A. Rama Ayyar, L. M. P., is not one of the items mentioned here in answer to Question No. 122 to which reference is made here. May I know whether the misappropriation by that Doctor was not made in any of these years 1107, 1108 and 1109.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—According to the rules, any misappropriation noticed by the Head of the Department ought to be reported to the Government and the Comptroller of Accounts. This is a thing, I think, not reported by the Head of the Department to either. Perhaps this item was not noticed as a specific defalcation at any time and it was observed by way of the Medical officer's inspection in the hospital. If I understood it correctly the defalcation was the value of certain materials ordered to be sold but not sold. So that, it was not taken to be an item of defalcation which ought to have been reported to Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—May I know Sir, whether the answer given to Question No. 156 (b) regarding the reason why Mr. Rama Ayyar was dealt with, *viz.*, "misappropriation of Sirkar money" is correct.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—After it was noticed, the Head of the Department should have reported it to me. Then I would have included it in my statement. It was not considered as a defalcation to be noted as such. Therefore, it was not included in it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to take it that this misappropriation of a few rupees by this Doctor from the sale of certain articles was never reported to the Government by the Departmental Head concerned?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes, it was.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—The Finance Member was saying that it was not reported.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That should have been really noted here as a matter of fact. It is an oversight. Because the Comptroller had not the file with him, he did not include it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the approximate amount misappropriated by the Doctor?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is about less than Rs. 20.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was not the punishment of dismissal given to that gentleman ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Who are the members of the clerical staff who have been charged with misappropriation ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Head clerk one Prabhu—I don't know his initials—and the other is one Ramakrishna Ayyar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Who is in charge of the money ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is the point to be ascertained.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What is the amount so far ascertained as being misappropriated ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is somewhere below Rs. 600.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are both the clerks responsible so far as this misappropriation is concerned?

President.—I don't think you are quite justified in putting such a question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have they been suspended ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Both of them are suspended.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—How long will it take to close the enquiry?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I can't say. It is a complicated method. They are trying to bring in fresh evidence. It is difficult to give an exact date.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—When does the Government expect to stop that process ?

Mr I. N. Menon.—We cannot stop that process of self-defence.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Should we not have some sort of time-limit ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The contention in the second petition is that some statement was left out in the first petition.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did the Director personally enquire into the matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I did personally enquire and a report was submitted. Further points were raised which were enquired into by the Principal. All those papers have been placed before the Government and now a lot of fresh evidence is coming.

Improvements to a tank in Edakolathur Village.

229. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations were not made by the inhabitants of Edakolathoor and Kaiparamba villages for deepening

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